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For: MATERIAL FOR USE IN EXTRACORPOREAL CIRCULATION, ADSORBENT,

REMOVAL UNIT AND REMOVING METHOD FOR DIABETIC COMPLICATION

**FACTORS** 

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## RESPONSE

Responsive to the Official Action of September 22, 2004 and the requirement for restriction presented in it, applicants elect the subject matter of Group III, namely claims 8-18. This response is made with traverse to the extent the non-elected method claims 25 and 26 may be rejoined once the elected product claims are in condition for allowance.

Please examine the elected claims taking into account the Preliminary Amendment and the International Search Report and PTO-1449 filed with the application papers. An examination on the merits is awaited.

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